

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-23, 25, and 26 are pending.

Claims 4, 5, 7, and 22 were previously canceled.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 17-21, and 23, and claim 24 are canceled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 11 and 16 are amended.

Claims 25 and 26 are newly added.

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A saw[[.]] comprising:

a blade;

a handle attached to the blade, the handle including a cutting guide holder; and

a cutting guide held by the cutting guide holder, the cutting guide comprising a body portion having a leading edge, a trailing edge, and an opening therethrough, the opening having a continuous perimeter defined by the body portion, and an engagement portion concentrically attached to the body portion, wherein the leading edge is adapted to guide the saw while a cut is being made in a material, and wherein the opening in the body portion is adapted to accept a portion of a user's hand, such that pressure can be applied by the user to a portion of the guide inside the opening to hold the engagement portion in contact with the material, and

wherein the cutting guide holder includes a plurality of raised portions adapted to engage the body portion of the cutting guide to securely retain the cutting guide on the handle, and

wherein the cutting guide further comprises a groove disposed in an outer surface of the body portion on the leading or trailing edge of the body portion, the groove being configured to fit in the cutting guide holder attached to a saw,

wherein the engagement portion is constructed of one of rubber and plastic, and is shaped to conform to the material to be cut, the engagement portion being removably attached to the body portion, and

wherein the body portion is cylindrical and is constructed of a hardened metal.

12. (Original) The saw of claim 11, wherein the saw is one of a hacksaw, a crosscut saw, a miter saw, a coping saw, a dovetail saw, a bow saw, and a keyhole saw.

13. (Original) The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are constructed of one of plastic and metal.

14. (Previously Presented) The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are attached to the handle on each lateral side of the handle.

15. (Original) The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are molded into the handle.

16. (Currently Amended) The saw of claim 11, wherein the plurality of raised portions are adapted to engage the [[a]] groove in the body portion of the cutting guide.

17-24. (Canceled).

25. (New) A saw comprising:

a blade;

a handle attached to the blade, the handle including a cutting guide holder; and

a cutting guide held by the cutting guide holder, the cutting guide comprising a body portion having a leading edge, a trailing edge, and an opening therethrough, the opening having a continuous perimeter defined by the body portion, and an engagement portion concentrically attached to the body portion, wherein the leading edge is adapted to guide the saw while a cut is being made in a material, and wherein the opening in the body portion is adapted to accept a portion of a user's hand, such that pressure can be applied by the user to a portion of the guide inside the opening to hold the engagement portion in contact with the material,

wherein the engagement portion is constructed of one of rubber and plastic, and the body portion is cylindrical and is constructed of a hardened metal.

26. (New) A saw comprising:

a blade;

a handle attached to the blade, the handle including a cutting guide holder disposed on a lateral side of the handle; and

a cutting guide held by the cutting guide holder so that the cutting guide is retained on a lateral side of the handle of the saw,

wherein the cutting guide holder includes a plurality of raised portions adapted to engage the cutting guide to securely retain the cutting guide on the lateral side of the handle, and the

cutting guide comprises a groove disposed in an outer surface of the leading or trailing edge of the cutting guide, the groove being configured to fit in the raised portions of the cutting guide holder.